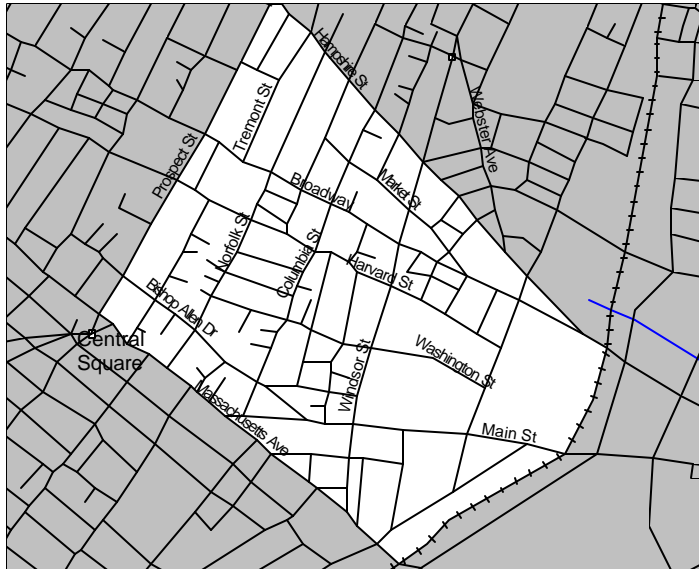
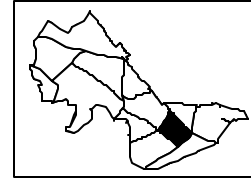


# NEIGHBORHOOD 4

## AREA 4



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded the B&A Railroad, Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Hampshire Street

**POPULATION:** 6,560 residents  
2,523 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$24,665

Neighborhood #4 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers), and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 4A, 4B, and 4C, and parts of Central square walking route 10X.

### 2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Many of the **street robberies** (+33%) Area 4 experienced reported similar suspect descriptions, including a ring of juvenile males who rode bicycles at the time of their attacks in August and September. Six of the nine most recent robberies (between July and September) occurred on Columbia St. & Broadway, where the Maynard School was the center of the activity. Of these nine robberies, a weapon was used in one incident when a brick was thrust into the victim's head and his wallet was stolen. • Of the three **drug arrests** (+24%) performed in Area 4 over the past three months, two occurred in August and one in July. Three rocks of crack cocaine were found on a homeless man who was arrested on outstanding warrants in July. The first arrest in August occurred after a woman found her boyfriend threatening suicide by injecting a hypodermic needle into his arm, which contained bleach. The most recent arrest was after a Cambridge man was seen physically assaulting another male and cocaine and marijuana were found on his person. • In accordance with the decline in **malicious destruction** (-9%), the amount of graffiti reported experienced a dip in this neighborhood with a total of eleven incidents. Markings that were reported concentrated in the immediate streets off of Central Square, as well as Harvard St., which reported four incidents of graffiti. • Even though **larcenies from motor vehicles** declined overall, forty of the sixty-one breaks were concentrated during the past three months. A known offender was apprehended and linked to a number of **these** incidents. Before this culprit was arrested, cars along Bishop Allen Drive and it's side streets fell victim to these breaks where entrance was mainly gained by smashing in the cars' windows and hot items such as car stereos and CD players were targeted. The most likely time for these breaks was during the day between 3p.m. and 9 p.m.

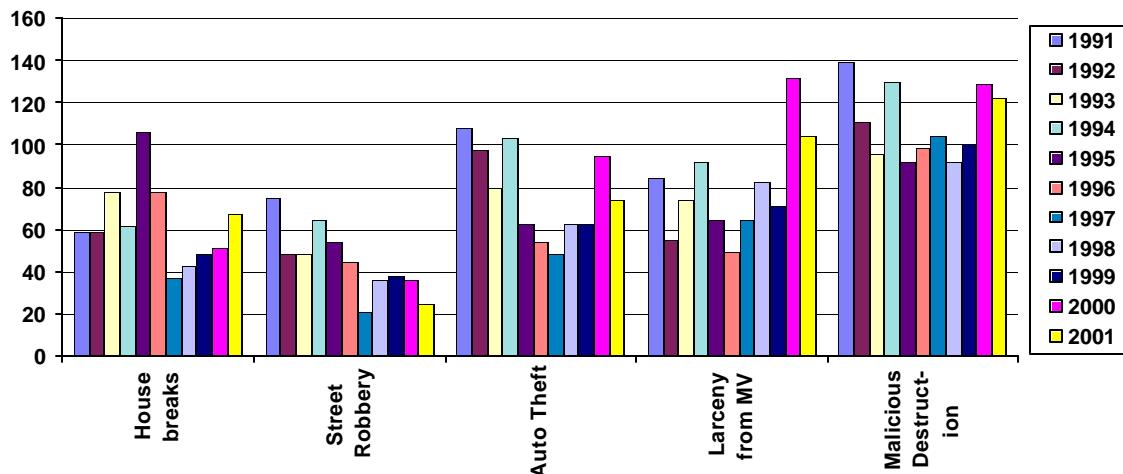
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	54	41	-24%
Street Robbery	18	23	+28%
Auto Theft	64	50	-22%
Larceny from MVs	82	62	-24%
Malicious Destruction	97	88	-9%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Area 4 has a primarily residential population (slightly less than average for the city's neighborhoods) along with a series of commercial establishments along Massachusetts Avenue. It is characterized by two and three family houses, large apartment buildings, and two public housing developments (Newtowne Court and Washington Elms).

- The highest levels of street robbery and drug arrests have historically plagued area 4. Street robbery generally occurs after 9:00 P.M. on weekends. Many of these incidents are located in or near Central Square—a “hot spot” because of its high pedestrian traffic, its MBTA subway stop, and its proximity to the Cambridgeport bars. Other hot spots for both crimes include Bishop Allen Drive, Washington Street, Harvard Street, Windsor Street, and Broadway. In recent years, community crime watches, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and the Cambridge Police Special Investigations Unit have succeeded in dispersing many of the drug incidents away from the residential areas.
- Housebreaks** are higher than average in Area 4. The neighborhood is a target because of its densely packed residential population. The Crime Analysis Unit generally identifies two or three patterns a year that sweep both Mid-Cambridge and Area 4.
- Automobile related crimes such as **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** are average to slightly higher than average for a neighborhood of Area 4's population. All three crimes, however, have registered general decreases since the 1980s.
- Sennott Park, at night, has experienced problems with drug use, assault, and bicycle theft. Cambridge Police “Park and Walks” in the area have helped abate these crimes.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AREA 4 TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	101	5	59	4	2
Street Robbery	75	1	48	1	2
Auto Theft	147	3	78	3	2
Larceny from MVs	134	2	77	4	1
Malicious Destruction	131	3	109	4	2

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest